stamps, envelopes, Inland letters and other items of postal stationery in the post offices of North-Eastern Region; for sale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The Post Offices in North East Region are getting postage stamps and stationery regularly. But Revenue stamps which Post Offices sell on behalf of the State Government, have on occasions been out of stock at Post Offices, due to non-receipt of supply from State Treasuries.

(c) Does not arise in view of the position stated above.

Mail delivery in Bombay

4479. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of articles issued for delivery in Bombay GPO every day and how many of them are retained undelivered:

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been a fall in traffic in South Bombay, including Bombay GPO: for the last several years: and

(c) whether Government would depute a team of officers for collection of statistical data with particular reference to receipt of mails in Bombay and letters issued for delivery in each of the ninety seven delivery Post Offices in Bombay City?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The number of postal articles issued for delivery in Bombay GPO is about 2.99 lakhs per day on an average. Mail received upto 10.00 A.M. is issued for delivery on the same day. Mail received after that time numbering about 80,000 postal articles on the average are retained for delivery on the following day.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There exists a system all over the country, for collection of statistics of mail. No special arrangement for Bombay is found necessary at present.

Mail generated in Bombay city

4480. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total mail generated in Bombay city per day, both incoming and outgoing:

b) whether the Chief Postmaster General of Maharashtra has stated that the mail generated in Bombay City is 44 lakh pieces of mail, per day: and

(c) if so, whether the enumeration or collection of statistics is done on the basis of any scientific data-collecting system if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Tostal mail of all categories generated in Bombay, incoming and outgoing together, is 40.6 lakhs per day on an average. This is, however, subject to day-to-day and seasonal fluctuations.

(b) No, Sir. The mail generated, that is posted, in Bombay City is 21.8 lakhs per day on an average.

(c) Yes Sir. Collection of statistics is by physical count of mail at every handling office.

Payment of telephone bills in Faridabad

4481. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that payment of telephone bills of subscribers in Faridabad is accepted in the District

Manager Office or in some Post offices in various sectors and this arrangement is proving inadequate due to large scale expansion of different telephone exchanges in the district;

(b) whether a large number of telephone connections have been disconnected during the last three months due to lack of so-ordination between the district office and the post offices since credits of the paid bills are not posted in the respective accounts of subscribers; if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) what steps are contemplated to review and streamline the present arrangement to safeguard the interests of telephone subscribers and avoid unnecessary inconvenience to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir. Payment of telephone bills of Faridabad subscribers are accepted at seven District Office counters, as well as in authorised post offices. At present, the arrangement is considered to be adequate.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Separate telephone Directory for Faridabad

4482. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that printing of names of telephone subscribers of Faridabad District in the Delhi Telephone Directory have been stopped for last two years, without publishing a separate Telephone Directory of Faridabad Telephones;

(b) if so, the reasons and justification therefor; and

(c) by when a separate telephones Directory of Faridabad subscribers is likely to be printed and made available and reasons for delay for not taking timely action by the Faridabad telephone authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKHRAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The territorial jurisdiction of M.T.N.L., New Delhi does not cover Faridabad Telephone District.

(c) Separate telephone directory of Faridabad SSA is likely to be printed and made available during the calandar year 1995. Since a telephone directory is prepared or the Faridabad SSA for the first time, it has taken time for preparation of manuscripts and finalisation of tender documents.

Allotment of SD/STD Public Telephones

4483. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria followed in the matter of allotment of a ISD/STD public telephone;

(b) whether retired Government servants are denied this in out opportunity; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether waiting list for ISD/STD public telephones upto registration No. SP-214 has since been cleared under Gurgaon Main Exchange in Haryana; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) whether some applicants have neither been issued the public telephones nor any communications have been sent to them in this regard so far; if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when they likely to be provided the ISD/STD public telephones?